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The 29 January 1973 issue of al-Ahram stated that in order to tighten the economic blockade around Israel, the boycotting committee had held a meeting the previous day under the chairmanship of Col. 'Abd al-Aziz Fathi, the supervisor general, to discuss the matter of companies whose foreign branches continue commercial relations with Israel. It was decided, according to the paper, to form a committee composed of Lt. Col. 'Isam al-Misri, head of the regional office; Mahmud Haykal, director of the Chamber of Commerce; Husayn Kamil of the financial and economic department in the Ministry of Finance; and Salah Abu Jabal of the economic department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This committee is to communicate with such companies and demand that they comply with the Egyptian government's policy of boycotting Israel, the paper said. The article also stated that it has been learned that most companies are preparing to cooperate with Egypt and the Arab countries.

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Az-Zaman reported on 30 January 1953 that Israel is greatly concerned with the blockade, "which is having far-reaching results and will greatly harm the Israeli economy;" and that Egyptian authorities in the Canal Zone are now engaged in stopping smuggling attempts to Israel by way of the Suez Canal. There are 60 steamers, mostly oil tankers, now included in the black list for such activity, and these ships are subject to special maritime laws designed for control of the Suez Canal, az-Zaman reported.

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